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MASONS FEAST GRAYLING KIDDIES

The kiddies of Grayling had a big time Wednesday evening. The first scene of the festivities was enacted in the dining room of the Michelson Memorial church. The room was packed full of kiddies from four to twelve years of age, and as rapidly as a tummy had been packed full of roast chicken and gravy, and all the other good things, including ice cream and cake, another eager kiddie was given a place, until over four hundred little tummies had been filled with big dinners.

And the ladies of Grayling Chapter O. E. S. had a part in the responsibility of entertaining the kiddies too, and it was they who prepared all the good things to eat and had them all ready for the men to serve at the appointed time.

The tables were decorated with small Christmas trees on standards, each sparkling with tinsel. Large colored candles placed along the centers of the long tables added greatly to the cheerful scene. The favors at each place consisted of a candy stick wrapped in colored paper. The grown-ups who were fortunate enough to be present certainly felt amply repaid for the effort expended, in viewing the satisfied expressions on the little faces.

About that time, Santa Claus appeared on the scene and created a great furor. He invited them all to the Masonic Temple, where he said he had some surprises in store for them. After all the appetites had been satisfied, all of the kiddies thronged over to the basement of the Temple.

The first thing that greeted their eyes was a beautiful tree sparkling with many colored lights at the far end of the room. Old Santa was tickled half to death by the shrieks of delight. As the kiddies crowded toward the tree they were presented with dolls, skates, sleds, or trains, or whatever seemed to fit them best. As they passed out, each one was given a large bag of candy, nuts and popcorn.

After all of the kiddies had gone, it was found that some, for one reason or another, had been unable to be present. After Santa had checked up on his list, he learned who these were, and enlisted a number of helpers to assist in delivering a present and a bag of candy to each absentee. Old Santa learned that one little boy with a mangled arm was at the hospital, so he hopped in his sleigh and went right up there. The little lad was tickled, you can bet, to have a visit from Santa who had a dandy present for him.

After "Old Whiskers" had finished his work, he sighed with satisfaction and, with a wave of his hand, cracked his long whip over his reindeer and disappeared. After he had gone, it was found he had left six hundred presents and six hundred bags of candy and nuts behind. How he had gotten all these things in his sleigh is a mystery that is still unsolved.

While the Masonic Big Brothers obtained a great deal of satisfaction in sponsoring the affair which involved a great deal of work, they are indebted to a great many others who assisted in many ways. It is hoped they feel repaid for their time and effort in knowing that the Christmas Spirit has been brought to many children, who otherwise may have been forgotten.

"Doc" Sackrider of Gwosso pleaded guilty in court before Justice Kraus to violation of the game law and was fined \$50.00 and costs. Sackrider gave sworn testimony implicating Capt. Fagan and a Mr. McVeigh, both state employees in Lansing, charging them with having brought into camp a fawn deer.



Ding! Dong!

The Old Boy is telling 'em!

And so are we; we want everyone to have a Merry Christmas. Let's forget all else but kindness upon that day and have a cheery word for all.

And may Old Santa be good to the people of Crawford county. We extend our warmest and most sincere Christmas Greetings.

T. W. HANSON
LUMBER
Phone 622

UNDER THE HOLLY BOUGH

Charles Mackey
Ye, who have scorned each other,
Or injured friend or brother,
In this fast-fading year;
Ye, who by word or deed
Have made a kind heart bleed,
Come gather here!
Let sinned against and sinning
Forget their strife's beginning,
And join in friendship now;
Be links no longer broken
Be sweet forgiveness spoken
Under the holly bough.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

CAROLERS TO SING CHRISTMAS EVE AT TREE

The community is again to enjoy a fine Yuletide tree near the court yard corner, and listen to the old Christmas songs as sung by a chorus of trained singers.

The tree and the program is being sponsored by the ladies of the Good Fellowship club, as it was last year. Mrs. C. G. Clippert is general chairman of the singing, and that assures a fine program.

Many will remember the pleasures of the similar program given last year and will want to be present let's have a big crowd and enjoy hearing again the Christmas songs of old.

In addition to the selected singers there will be groups of school children to assist in the singing. The program is to begin at 7:30 Friday evening.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT TO THE M. E. CHURCH LIBRARY

The Michelson Memorial Sunday school are the recipients of a fine gift of fifteen new books for their library, the donor being Mrs. Oiaf Michelson of Detroit. The books are as follows:

A Wonder Book, Nathaniel Hawthorne.

The Big Game, Lawrence Perry.

Pinocchio, C. Collioli.

Wolf, Albert Payson Terhune.

Sandman's Rainy Day Stories, Ab-

Phillips Walker.

Little Jack Rabbit and Chippy

Chipmunk, David Cory.

Little Jack Rabbit's Adventures,

David Cory.

Pappy Ott's Seven League Stills,

Leo Edwards.

Pappy Ott and the Stuttering Par-

rot, Leo Edwards.

Peter Pan and Wendy, J. M. Bar-

rie.

Woodcraft Boys at Sunset Island,

Roy and Horsington.

The Wonder Book of Bible Stories,

Logan Marshall.

A Child's Garden of Verses, Rob-

ert Louis Stevenson.

Alice Through the Looking Glass,

Lewis Carroll.

This is a very good selection of

books and the Sunday School is

proud to add them to their library.

They have already sent Mrs. Michel-

son a letter of thanks and appreci-

ation for this fine gift.

The money, with which the other

books were bought, which were men-

tioned recently in the columns of the

Avalanche, was a gift also to the Sun-

day School. The books are to be cat-

alogued as soon as possible, and then

they will be ready for circulation.

Another book, "Robinson Crusoe"

by DeFoe, belonging to the old Sun-

day School library of the Michelson

Memorial church has come to light.

If there are any other books in the

hands of anyone, the Sunday School

will be very glad to have them

brought in at once, in order that they

may be catalogued with the rest of

the books.

GOVERNORS TO MEET IN MICH-

IGAN

The East Michigan Tourist Association was one of the organizations in the state which invited the governors of the United States to hold their annual conference in Michigan last year. At that time the chivalric instincts of the governors prevailed and they succumbed to the invitation of a state which has a feminine governor. It has now been announced that the governors will hold their 17th annual conference at Mackinac Island.

E. M. T. TO BE REPRESENTED AT CONSERVATION MEET

Governor-elect Fred W. Green has issued a call for a meeting at Ionia, December 27, of representatives of various Michigan groups whose interests are identified with, or parallel, to conservation.

Herman Lundén of Gaylord, president of the North Eastern Michigan Development Bureau will represent that organization at the meeting and the East Michigan Tourist Association will be represented by Otto F. Louis of Bay City.

GREETINGS

I sincerely appreciate the good will that has made possible our pleasant business relations during the past year, and trust that the same may continue for years to come.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

A. E. Hendrickson,
The Tailor.

READY TO COLLECT TAXES

I will be at the Treasurer's office in the Court house beginning Monday, December 27th to collect taxes for the Township of Grayling. The hours will be from 8 a. m. to 12:00 o'clock noon, and from 1 to 5 p. m. Also on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings.

CARL J. JENSON,
Township Treasurer.

Christmas Decorations



CHARITY BALL NEW YEARS EVE

The one big event looked forward to during the year by the many people who attend is the Charity ball, given by the Hospital Aid, for the benefit of Mercy hospital.

This is not only a beautiful affair in itself but is also something that should interest everyone in Grayling and the surrounding country, as it is one of the things that help support our much needed hospital.

This year, as usual, the ball will take place at the school gymnasium on Dec. 31st, New Year's Eve. Come everyone and help the good cause. Schram's seven-piece orchestra will furnish the music.

The committees in charge of the affair are as follows:

Gen. Chairman—Mrs. C. G. Clippert.

Chr. Decorating—Mrs. C. R. Key-

port.

Chr. Soliciting—Mrs. H. F. Peter-

son.

Chr. Program—Mrs. A. E. Mason.

Chr. Lunch—Mrs. L. Kessler.

Chr. Tickets—Mrs. M. Hanson.

Chr. Advertising—Mrs. R. H. Gil-

lett.

Tickets: per couple, \$1.50; children,

25c; extra lady, 50c.

Lunch, extra.

EXTRACTS FROM PROGRAM OF WOMAN'S CLUB

The regular meeting of the Woman's club was held Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Emil Giegling.

The program consisted of Christmas poems, a book review and music.

The poems were "Christmas Everywhere," by Phillip Brooks, "Jest For Christmas," by Eugene Field, and "The Night before Christmas," by Clement Moore.

In the poem last mentioned, we get a fine description of St. Nicholas, which in fact is a character originating from the folk lore of the Dutch. When the immigrants of this nationality came to America, they brought with them these St. Nicholas stories, which were so real to the Dutch children. From the word St. Nicholas, we have derived our name Santa Claus, and he has become a very real character in the minds and hearts of American children.

We would not rob them of their belief in a real Santa Claus, but we would teach them that Santa Claus is a spirit of good will and love, and that the child himself becomes a Santa Claus, when he makes a gift to someone.

The song "O, little Town of Bethlehem," which was written by Phillips Brooks, and that by which we know the author best perhaps, was sung by Mrs. Roy Milnes.

Miss Winchell gave a very interesting book review of the "Show Boat," by Edna Ferber, depicting life

on the Mississippi river. The story is of a "show troupe," who travel up and down the river in a boat, the boat being their theater as well as their living quarters. This book is likely to become, if it has not already, as popular as "So Big," by the same author.

The charity committee had sewing ready, which was done by club members during the meeting.

GRAYLING HIGH LOSSES TO CHE- BOYGAN

The local high school boys basketball team met their second defeat of the season when they were trimmed by the Cheboygan high, to the tune of 24 to 9 on the local court last Friday evening. The local quintet was at the short end of the score at the termination of each period, their opponents never being in danger of being headed. Following was the lineup:

Grayling—

Brady, F., Capt.

LaGrow, F.

N. Stephan, C.

C. Wylie, G.

G. Schroeder, G.

Substitutions, E. Neal, L. Stephan.

Cheboygan—

Judd, F.

Medem, F.

Lawson, C.

McLeod, G.

Vallei, G.

A snappy preliminary game was

played between the teams of the 8th

and 9th grades, the latter winning

the honors.

Principal Events In Grayling 25 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES
OF THE AVALANCHE OF 25 YEARS AGO.

Thursday, December 26, 1901

Fred Alexander is home for the holidays.

The mercury registered zero from 1 degree to 17 degrees every night last week.

The country is safe, at least until January 6th, when Congress will reconvene.

Miss Althea McIntyre is home from her school at Roscommon, for the two week's holiday season.

Miss Laura Simpson is home from the state normal at Mt. Pleasant for the holidays.

G. L. Alexander was on a business trip to Detroit the first of the week.

T. B. Hanson donated the shingles for the Congregational parsonage, thereby winning the thanks of the member.

Mrs. J. E. McKnight returned from her visit last Friday, and the first of the week went to W. S. Chalker's in Maple Forest for Christmas.

A case of scarlet fever was reported Saturday at the home of S. La-Venture.

The closing exercises in the lower rooms of school last week were given a Christmas character with trees and appropriate programs. The little ones were made happy as they should be.

M. Laughray and son Jas. J., took a contract this week from Salling, Hanson & Co., of putting in three million feet of timber for them. The lumber is located on Black river and it is expected that it will take three years to complete the work.

Work on the salt well has been discontinued for a little time on account of the cold weather. When they stopped work the brine was running over the top of the pipe, 2700 feet deep in a small quantity and there is no question of its ultimate success.

The Grayling Electric Light and Power Co. shut the gates of their dam the first of last week, expecting to be ready to use the accumulated water this week, but alas, "The best laid plans of mice and men gang aft a-gley." In the morning about twenty feet of the dam was washed out and it will take all or more than this week to replace it.

It is reported from Lansing that Auditor General Powers is deeding to Land Commissioner Wilkey all the lands in Crawford county, delinquent under the statute, so they will be immediately open for homestead entry. Will they be next withdrawn from the homestead list and set aside as part of the forestry preserve?

Julius K. Merz has returned home to spend the holidays with his family and friends.

Many homes and hearts were gladdened in our village yesterday by true, though unostentatious charity. The thousands of Christmas gifts which were made for friends' sake, pleasant as they were, are far outweighed by those which were given in the spirit of Him whose birth was celebrated. The liberality of all our merchants is acknowledged, and that

of the pioneer firm of Salling, Hanson & Co., is proverbial. Several sleigh loads of necessities were delivered to scores of deserving poor, while the firm were generously remembered. Crawford Grange met in G. A. R. hall Saturday noon, and after partaking of a picnic dinner, elected the following officers:

Master—Perry Ostrander.
Overseer—W. C. Johnson.
Lecturer—Chas. Ingerson.
Steward—Elmer Ostrander.
Asst. Steward—Augustus Funk.
Chaplain—Henry Funk.
Treasurer—Fred F. Hoelsi.
Secretary—John A. Love.
Gatekeeper—James Sullivan.
L. A. Stewart—Mrs. H. Feldhauser.
Ceres—Mrs. Susan Funk.
Pomona—Miss Dora Hoelsi.
Flora—Mrs. Phillips.
Cor. to Michigan Farmer—Perry Ostrander.

South Branch Items

John Corwin is drawing wood to Roscommon.

Ernie Richardson is drawing ties to Roscommon.

Miss Redhead spent Saturday and Sunday at J. Royce's.

Miss Minnie Richardson is visiting her uncle, Frank Richardson of Richfield.

Miss Mabel Redhead begun a two months term of school in the Richardson district, the 16th.

H. Head has so far recovered as to be able to get around the house with the aid of a crutch and cane.

Jury List—Circuit Court

The following is a list of jurors drawn for the January term of the Circuit Court, to be convened on Monday, January 20th, 1902.

Sherman Cady, South Branch.

James Smith, Frederic.

N. P. Olson, Grayling.

H. S. Buck, Maple Forest.

Joseph Scott, South Branch.

John A. Love, Beaver Creek.

Mark S. Dille, Frederic.

Charles Jerome, Grayling.

Waltrine Love, Maple Forest.

Conrad Wehnes, South Branch.

Stewart H. Sicker, Beaver Creek.

Lars Nelson, Grayling.

Amos Buck, Maple Forest.

C. I. Richardson, South Branch.

L. B. Merrill, Beaver Creek.

Wm. Blanshan, Grayling.

Edgar Wilkinson, Maple Forest.

Chas. Waldron, South Branch.

Chas. Silsby, Beaver Creek.

Officers Masonic Lodge

At the regular communication of Grayling Lodge No. 356, F. & A. M., the following officers were elected to serve during the ensuing year:

John J. Coventry—W. M.

George W. Comer—S. W.

John Burt—J. W.

R. D. Connine—Treas.

John F. Hum—Sec'y.

Fred Sleight—S. D.

Effner Matson—J. D.

where Rev. Baughn conducted funeral services. Ernest and Oscar Borchers, Emil and Hans Niederer acted as pall bearers, and burial was in Elmwood cemetery beside her mother, Jennie Neuman Borchers who died many years ago when Flora was but a little child.

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Judging from the election returns those poor, half-starved western farmers must have been too weak to vote the Democratic ticket.

Christmas Greetings

LET EVERY HEART BE HAPPY
FOR CHRISTMAS TIME IS HERE.
THE HAPPIEST, GLADDEST, MERRIEST TIME
OF ALL THE LONG, LONG YEAR.

'Tis Christmas time and all about there is a sense of gladness. People seem to be happy and contented.

This is as it should be. Homes now are more comfortable and more cheerful than in the yesteryears, and housework is no longer a drudgery.

We are happy to be able to say that the Grayling Electric Company has contributed largely to this state of happiness. Electricity, the universal slave to humanity, has lightened the burdens of the people and the people have now learned to enjoy its usefulness.

It is our sincere wish that we may continue to grow in usefulness and be of real service to the people of Grayling.

May this Christmas be a Merry one in every home in Grayling. is a wish that we hope will come true, and may Old Santa be good to all.

Sincerely yours,

Grayling Electric Co.

(Note—There is still time to take advantage of our December offer of any article in our show room for \$5.00 down and easy payments. Drop in and let us show you.)

FORMER GRAYLING GIRL PASSES AWAY

On Friday of last week Mrs. Lee Place of Detroit, who is remembered as Miss Flora Borchers, was brought here for burial, having died of peritonitis on Wednesday.

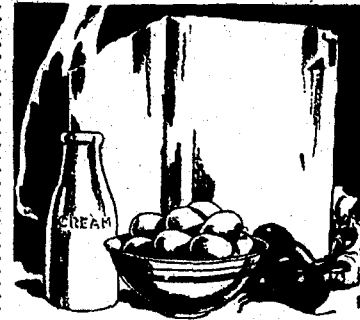
Those who came with the remains were her father, P. D. Borchers of Blue Island, Ill., her husband, Lee Place and a sister of Mr. Borchers, Mrs. A. A. Perrin of Bay City. The remains were taken from the train to the Michelson Memorial church,

where Rev. Baughn conducted funeral services. Ernest and Oscar Borchers, Emil and Hans Niederer acted as pall bearers, and burial was in Elmwood cemetery beside her mother, Jennie Neuman Borchers who died many years ago when Flora was but a little child.

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Merry Christmas
I'm wishing you



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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1926

Local News

January 6th. The third number on
the Lyceum course.

Mrs. Blanche Hull was in Bay City
over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. George Olson were in
Saginaw the last of the week.

Miss Mildred Corwin of Lansing is
spending the holidays, the guest of
her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nels Corwin.

Dr. C. J. McCann announces that
his dental office will be closed from
December 24th to the 28th, as he will
be out of the city.

Ned Woodman, popular cartoonist,
will be in Grayling January 6th, at
the Michelson Memorial church, the
third number on the Lyceum course.

Emerson Brown, who is attending
the University of Michigan for his
second term, has arrived home for the
holidays and is visiting his parents,
Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Brown.

Miss Beulah Colleen and Miss
Lucinda Colleen arrived home Monday
to spend the holidays with their
parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Colleen
and Mrs. George A. Colleen respectively.

Miss Carrie Jorgenson, accompanied
by her mother, Mrs. Jorgenson,
who has made her home with her
daughter for some time, are leaving
this week for St. Louis, Missouri,
to spend the winter with Mr. and Mrs.
John R. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. H. William Ryan
(Lillian Smith) of Detroit are the
proud parents of a son, born Thursday,
Dec. 16th, at the home of Mrs.
Ryan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas.
L. Smith of this city. Mr. Ryan came
up from Detroit for the week end to
visit the newcomer.

DECEMBER						
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Did you ever stop to think why the
holly has become a symbol of Christ-
mas? It is said that the sharp point-
ed leaves represent the crown of
thorns that Christ wore when he was
crucified, and the scarlet berries the
drops of blood he shed.

George Schabla, caretaker at the
Hanson state military reservation, no
doubt is a proud daddy, as a nine
pound son was born to them Sunday
morning at Ann Arbor. Mrs. Schabla
and babe are at the University hos-
pital, and latest reports say they are
both doing nicely. George Jr. is the
new arrival's name.

Drop in and see the new Fanchon
toilet goods. We have them.
Central Drug Store.

Ned Woodman admits that he can't
just figure out why some people
speak of his work as "instructive"
and "uplifting," but he hopes that he
is not doing much harm. Neverthe-
less, you will have an evening of un-
usual entertainment and enjoyment if
you see him and listen to him when
he appears here January 6th, on the
Lyceum course.

If you like milk chocolate, and most
everyone does, get a slice off the
chocolate cow at Olaf Sorenson's Sons
Friday, December 24th. This cow,
which is solid chocolate, is put out by
the Runkel people and is a very ex-
cellent model of a real cow. It weighs
70 pounds. Don't forget, Friday is
the day to get a piece of the Runkel
cow, and at Sorenson's confectionery
store.

The cabaret party staged at the
Temple Theatre by Mr. and Mrs.
Harry Thomas proved to be one of
the best evening's entertainment seen
in Grayling for some time. The deco-
rations were beautiful and the swell
numbers prove very popular with the
gay young dancers as well as the
older folks. It was indeed an enjoy-
able evening and both Mr. and Mrs.
Thomas deserve much credit for the
capable way these parties are being
conducted. An extra pleasant attrac-
tion was the solo dancing by Miss
Anita Thomas, charming little
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas.
The next party will be a Christmas
party and dance, which will be held
Thursday night, Dec. 23rd.

SCHOOL NOTES

Editors: Janice Bailey, Edward
Mason, Ethel Taylor.

School Notes:

A cultivated mind is the guardian
of the genius of democracy. It is the
only dictator that freemen acknowl-
edge and the only security that free-
men desire.—Lamar.

Miss Cottle (in Modern History)—
"Do you think missionaries help the
heathen any?"

Theodore—"Yes, they teach them
to have only one wife."

Exitus acta probat—motto of
Washington.

Janice, upon taking last week's
school notes to the office, was in-
formed by Mr. Schumann, that the
editors should write on only one side
of the paper.

"Yes, sir," she replied, "but which
side?"

Many persons might have attained
to wisdom, had they not assumed that
they already possessed it.—Seneca.

Mr. Smith—"I suspect what we
need in this business is brains;
brains!"

Miss Titworth—"That does seem
to be what's lacking."

Victory belongs to the most per-
severing.—Napoleon.

Truman—"I ain't in favor of noth-
ing English."

Miss Cottle—"Not even the lan-
guage, I see."

Impossible is a word to be found
only in the dictionary of fools.—Na-
poleon.

Elizabeth—"Is that little brother
of yours a tease?"

George—"That kid is the limit. He
put a 'No Parking' sign on the place
where I had hung my mistletoe."

"An enterprise, when fairly once
begun, should not be left till all that
ought is won."—Shakespeare.

Mr. Smith appeared worried.
"Please tell me what is the mat-
ter," begged Mrs. Smith.

"Matter," explained Mr. Smith, "is
that of which the entire universe is
composed, made up of molecules,
atoms and electrons."

"What is defeat? Nothing but edu-
cation; nothing but the first steps to
something better."—Wendell Phillips.

Miss Cottle—"Are you in favor of
intelligence tests for admission to the
United States?"

Amos—"Yes, if the newcomers are
English lecturers."

Doing well depends upon doing
completely.—Persian proverb.

Miss Titworth entertained the
assembly last Friday noon from 11:45
to 12:35. Some bright high school
pupils rendered a concert of peculiar
sounds. No refreshments were serv-
ed.

Junior Hanson, a former high
school student, is spending the hol-
idays here. He is attending St. John's
military academy in Dearfield, Wis.

The football boys wish to thank
Mr. Olson for the complimentary
tickets to "The Quarterback." It
was very much enjoyed by the team.

The Grayling high school debating
team will debate Cheboygan high
school, January 14, 1927, it was an-
nounced Friday. The team for this
debate has not yet been chosen, but
there are many students contending
for a place on the team. We are to
uphold the affirmative side of the
question, "Resolved, that the United
States Government should own the

coal mines," and the contest bids fair
to be a close one.

The better is always enemy to the
best.—Gallio.

School closed Wednesday afternoon
for Christmas vacation, but according
to Mr. Smith, the vacation is for the
teachers.

Are you in earnest? Seize this very
minute; what you can do, or dream
you can, begin it.

NOTICE

The parties in Ford coupe who
entered the cottage at Higgins lake
are known and will be prosecuted if
the offense is repeated.
Mrs. M. F. Bingham.

Bethlehem Today

If you were to visit Palestine today,
you find the "little town of Bethle-
hem" changed in many ways from
that of the yesterdays. Philip
Brooks described the town in the first
stanza of his famous Christmas hymn
"O Little Town of Bethlehem," as one
of quietness and peacefulness and of
dark streets lighted only by the stars.
"The hopes and fears of all the years"
were met the night of the birth of the
Christ Child and Bethlehem came into
prominence the world over from that
day, and has remained so through
the nineteen hundred and twenty-six
years since.

The dwellings of the peasant class
of that time were simplicity itself,
the walls being of stone without ce-
ment or plaster, the roofs of boughs
or poles laid side by side and covered
with mud or straw, the floors were
just the earth. The best of these
houses were hardly better than the
"dugouts of the American prairies or
the Crofters' cottages of Scotland,"
but neither the walls nor floors were
damp because of the dryness of the
climate.

The Bethlehem of today shows all
evidence of prosperity with sur-
roundings of olive groves, vineyards,
pasture lands and grain fields. The
little city of 8,000 inhabitants is set
on the "sides and summit of a semi-
circle of hills and has been called the
"House of Bread." Water is furnish-
ed this region through a great aqueduct
from Solomon's Pool, and this is
tapped at the foot of the hill and
reservoirs are formed. This is one
great feature in making this region
one of the most prosperous.

To drive into this Bethlehem one
must follow a rather "steep road run-
ning between garden walls and
ancient buildings." The nearer
you come to the town the narrower
the road becomes, until it is not
wide enough for two vehicles to pass.
For this reason there is one street by
which to enter and another by which
to leave.

Thousands of tourists visit this
town every year and for this reason
many of the inhabitants earn their
living by making and selling souve-
nirs made by nineteen different es-
tablishments. If the traveler should
stop in front of the church of the
Nativity he might be surrounded by
a shouting crowd, each trying to sell
him a souvenir—olive wood candle-
sticks and necklaces, carved mother-
of-pearl, or cups from the black stone
of the Dead Sea. And the prices are
nearly double what the same article
could be purchased for in Jerusalem.
The tourist cannot imagine he is in
the same quiet, peaceful Bethlehem
of long ago, but if he can overlook
disagreeable features such as these,
he can go a little farther and there
according to tradition, Jesus was
born.

The Church of the Nativity, one of
the oldest churches in the world, is
not a large building, measuring only
about 120 feet in length and a little
less in width. It is said to have been
erected some time during the begin-
ning of the fourth century. Under-
neath the church, there is a room 40
feet by 12, with ceiling ten or twelve
feet high, called the "grotto of the
Nativity." Two soldiers stand near
the entrance to maintain order. Near
the wall of rock and in front of it,
a marble slab in the floor with a silver
star in the center; on this star is this
inscription: "Hic De Virgine Maria
Jesus Christus Natus Est." ("Here
Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin
Mary.") Sixteen lamps of silver set
over the star and burn there from
year to year.

A recess cut in the rock wall is
called the "Chapel of the Manger,"
where Jesus was laid according to
tradition. Near here is the "Chapel
of the Magi," where the wise men
came to worship him and offer their
gifts. Kings and princes, when visit-
ing this grotto, have left their gifts
too, and the walls "are covered with
richly embroidered cloth and many
lamps hang from the ceiling."

On Christmas eve of each year a
great festival is held, beginning at
ten o'clock. Toward midnight a long
procession is formed—monks, clergy,
Turkish soldiers and the patriarch
who holds a waxen baby representing
Jesus lying in a manger on cushions
of red silk with a layer of straw un-
derneath in remembrance of the
humble birth of the Christ Child.
The procession passes through this
grotto while the whole population is
assembled outside. "The patriarch
sings the story of Christ's birth as
given in the Gospel of Luke," and
the celebration ends shortly after two
o'clock in the morning with a solemn
Te Deum. Then "the people continue
singing merry songs and feasting,
with brilliantly lighted torches until
their vigils are ended by the rising
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Winifred McNeven.

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and any kind of attraction can be
had."

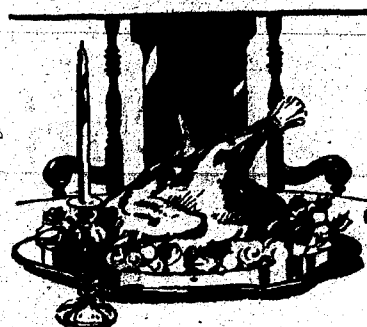
He states that he intends to visit
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LYDIA of the Pines



by
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THE STORY

CHAPTER I.—With her baby sister, Patricia, Lydia returns from play to the untidy home of her impoverished father, Amos Dudley, at Lake City. Her father's friend, and her own devoted admirer, John Levine, after discussing affairs with Lydia, makes up his mind to go into politics.

CHAPTER II.—Lydia, Patricia and a companion, Kent Moulton, playing by the lake, are accosted by an old squaw from the nearby reservation. Lydia gives her food. Margery, a small daughter of Dave Marshall, the town's banker, joins them. She plays Lydia's piano. Lydia tells her that Margery falls into the water. She is pulled out, unharmed but frightened, and taken home by Lydia and Kent. Her father calls on Amos to complain, blaming Lydia for the mishap.

CHAPTER III.—Lydia explains the accident and that because she is not a popular playmate, Marshall arranges for her to teach Margery to swim and otherwise become "one of the crowd." Levine tells Amos his plan to take himself and his family to the reservation and ultimately have it opened for settlement. From an older boy, Billy Norton, Lydia learns that the Dudleys have a Christmas feast.

CHAPTER IV.—Patience succumbs to an attack of diphtheria, leaving Lydia feeling that her trust in God is lost and her small world has collapsed. She finds comfort in the loving kindness of John Levine. Lydia learns that a note of Amos, backed by Levine and held by Marshall, is due and cannot be met. The child pleads with Marshall, and for her sake he agrees to renew the note.

CHAPTER V.—Grieving for the loss of little Patricia, Lydia's health falls. Levine, understanding the situation, gives her a puppy, which the lonely child takes to her heart. Reaching the age of fifteen, Lydia enters high school, where she at first realizes that her homelike dress and general appearance of poverty set her apart from her better-dressed companions. She attends a party given by her teacher, Miss Towne. The other girls, smartly dressed, make fun of her makeshift costume.

CHAPTER VI.—Levine is elected sheriff. A sixteen-year-old Indian boy, Charlie Jackson, tells Lydia that his own wrongs done his people, mainly by Marshall and Levine. Lydia defends her friend vigorously. Hearing Levine in Lydia's house, Charlie Jackson threatens and endeavors to attack him.

CHAPTER VII.—Levine is shot by an unseen assassin. Realizing that the Dudley cottage, he learns the real extent of Lydia's loneliness and her shaken faith in the Indian. She enters into a compact to start a "search for God" together. Levine, recovered, leads his campaign for reelection.

CHAPTER VIII.—Lydia is unable to drive the hatred of Levine from her heart, and despite herself her faith in her old friend is shaken by the young Indian's stories. Levine has long realized that despite their disparity in age he is not emotionally in love with the young girl.

CHAPTER IX.—Levine is triumphant in his campaign for reelection. Lydia earns enough money to enable her to go camping with Charlie, Kent, Margery and two school friends, Gustus Bach and a girl named Olga. Miss Towne chaperones them.

CHAPTER X.—Walking with Kent in the woods, Lydia witnesses a meeting of Levine and some Indians. Their conversation convinces Lydia that Charlie has been right in accusing Levine of plotting to rob the Indians.

CHAPTER XI.—A visit from the old squaw whom Lydia had befriended long ago causes her to tell more of Marshall's and Levine's thievery. Lydia promises to talk to Levine. Billy Norton makes a boyish proposal of marriage to Lydia who refuses him. In her talk with Levine the man avers his methods are lawful and really best for the Indians. The girl is only half convinced.

CHAPTER XII.—Charlie tells Lydia his father was killed by halfbreeds at the instigation of Levine, and she is miserable at the thought. The family poverty also weighs heavily on her. She is elected class valedictorian. Billy Norton takes her to the senior ball, where she has her first girlish "wonderful time."

CHAPTER XIII.—Congress passes Levine's bill for the opening of the reservation. At the celebration of the event the Indians, led by Charlie, make a disturbance. Billy Norton saves Lydia from harm. Amos arranges to get 100 acres of land, through Levine. Billy tells Lydia he is going to expose Marshall's crooked deals.

CHAPTER XIV.—A congressional commission comes to Lake City to investigate Indian matters, and evidence involving most of the town's prominent citizens is produced.

CHAPTER XV.—Before the commission Charlie Jackson accuses Levine of complicity in the murder of his father. Lydia warmly defends Levine. Dave Marshall is exposed as the owner of the "Last Chance," a brothel which was also headquarters for the illegal selling of whiskey to Indians.

CHAPTER XVI

The Military Hop

Margery, for the first month or so, was silent and kept as close as possible to Lydia's apron strings. But no girl as beautiful as she was could be kept in Coventry long and though she refused for a time to go to parties, it was not long before Margery was taking trips with the college boys and joining happily enough in the simple pleasures at the cottage.

Lydia did not hear from Kent until a week before the first college hop, late in October. Then she received a formal note from him, reminding her of his invitation.

"Oh, Lydia!" exclaimed Margery, "aren't you lucky! I haven't seen Kent or heard from him since our trouble."

"Neither have I," said Lydia. "And I suspect he's so cross with me that he hates to keep this engagement. But I don't care. I wish I had a new dress. But I've made the sleeves small in my organdy and made a new girle. It looks as well as could be expected," she finished comically.

The hop was a success, a decided success, in spite of the organdy. Kent was inclined to be stiff, at first, and to wear a slight injured air, and yet, mingled with this was a frank and youthful bravado. And there could be no doubt that among the college boys, Kent was more or less of a hero. It was something to boast of, evidently to have one's name coupled with Levine's in the great scandal.

Kent had supposed that he would

ing in the package! Lydia calculated that if she did a package a night for thirty nights, she would have enough money to buy the making of the party dress and cloak.

The necessity for secrecy was what made the task arduous. Lydia finished her studying as hurriedly as possible each night and went off to her room. It was bitter cold in the room when the door was closed, but she hung a dust cloth over the key hole, a shawl over the window shade, wrapped herself in a quilt and unwrapped the bundle. By two o'clock she had finished and shivering and with aching eyes, crept into bed.

Within a week she was going about her daily work with hollow eyes and without the usual glow in her cheeks, but she hung on with determination worthy of a better cause.

The third week she took cold, an almost unheard-of proceeding for Lydia, and in spite of all old Lizze's decoctions, she could not throw it off. At the end of the fourth week she carried back her last bundle, and with fifteen dollars in her pocketbook, she boarded the street car for home.

When she reached the cottage, she stretched out on the couch behind the old base burner with her sense of satisfaction dulled by her hard cough and the feverish taste in her mouth. She was half asleep, half in a stupor when Billy came in.

"How's the cold, Lydia?" he asked.

"Socks," whispered Lydia, "bushels of socks, aren't there, Billy?"

Billy picked up her hand and felt her pulse, pulled the shawl up over her chest, put his cheek down against her forehead for a moment as he murmured, "Oh, Lydia, don't be sick! I couldn't bear it!" then he hurried to the kitchen where Lizzie was getting supper.

The next thing that Lydia knew she was in her own bed and "Doc" Fulton was taking the clinical thermometer from her mouth. She was very much confused.

"Where's my fifteen dollars?" she asked.

"What fifteen dollars, little daughter?" Amos was sitting on the edge of the bed, holding her hand.

"For my party dress—white mul— with socks—please, daddy."

Amos looked at Lizzie. "It's what she wanted for the junior prom, I guess," said the old lady, "poor child."

"You shall have fifteen dollars, just as soon as you get well, honey," said Amos.

"All right," said Lydia, hoarsely. "Tell Kent so he—"

"Tell Kent so he—"

"I've always loved you dearly, Kent, and yet, I don't think I'd ever make each other happy."

"Not make each other happy! I'd like to know why not! Just try me, Lydia! Try me!"

"I'd like to try you, dear if— Wait, Kent, wait! Let me have my playtime. Kent, I've never had a real one, you know, till now. Let me finish college, then ask me again, will you, Kent?"

Kent jerked his head discontentedly. "I think it would be better for us to tie to each other right now. Please, Lydia dear!"

Lydia shook her head slowly. "Let me have my playtime, Kent. I don't know that side of myself at all."

Kent looked into the clear tender blue of Lydia's eyes. Then he said softly, "All right, dear! You know best. But will you give me just one kiss—for remembrance?"

"Yes," replied Lydia, lifting her face, and Kent pulled off his cap and kissed the young girl, girlish lips, tenderly, lingeringly, then, without a word, gently turned Lydia homeward.

Kent's announcement that he had broken with Billy Norton did not amount to a great deal. As winter came on, he and Billy met constantly at the cottage and, outwardly at least, were friendly. The commission finished its sitting and turned its findings over to congress. Congress instructed the district attorney to carry the matter to the state courts. When this had been done all the incriminated heaved a vast sigh of relief, and prepared to mark time.

During all Lydia's junior year, but one day appeared in her ornament. And this, of course, was with reference to clothes! That perennial haunting problem of Lydia's, which only a woman who has been motherless and poverty-stricken can fully appreciate. The latter part of February, the great college social event of the year was to come, the junior prom. Lydia felt sure that either Kent or Billy would ask her to go and for this the organdy would not do. And for this she must have a party coat.

Lydia knew if she took the matter up with Amos he would go out and borrow money for her. She shuddered at the thought of this. Then she heard of the "College Money-Making Bureau."

She discovered that there were girls who were earning their way through college and that the bureau was one of the quiet ways used by the university to help them.

There was the mending department for example. Here were brought every week by the well-to-do students piles of mending of every variety from heelless socks and stockings, to threadbare undergarments and frayed cuffs and collars. These were made into packages and turned out to the money-needing girls.

Early in January, Lydia sneaked into the little room and out again with a neat but heavy bundle. She got home with it and smuggled it into her room without old Lizzie's seeing it. Socks, wristbands and torn lace—there was fifty cents' worth of mend-

she said, briefly. "Ask some other girl."

"There isn't any other girl," replied Billy. "If I can't go with you, I'll be hanged if I go at all! Lydia, I don't see why a sensible girl like you lays such stress on clothes. Honestly, it's not like you. Come on, let me lend you the money to get a complete party outfit with."

"Billy Norton, you know I wouldn't borrow money from a man!" exclaimed Lydia. "Besides, I've got enough money I earned myself!"

Lydia dug the little pocketbook from under the sofa pillow and spread the money proudly on her shawl. "There it is and it's the root of all my troubles."

Billy looked at her suspiciously. "Young woman, how'd you earn that money?" he demanded.

"Socks! Bushels of socks, mostly," answered Lydia with a chuckle that ended in a groan. She looked at Billy whimsically and then as the sureness of his understanding came to her again, she told him the story of her little midnight sweatshop.

It seemed for a moment as if he must gather the slight little figure to his heart, but he set his teeth.

"If that darned prom means as much as that to you—" he began, but Lydia interrupted him.

"It doesn't any more, Billy. I've learned a lot of things since I've been sick. I was a little idiot to work so hard for clothes. But I don't think it was all clothes. I wanted to be like other girls. I wanted to have the man that took me proud of my appearance."

The two young people sat in silence, Lydia watching the snowflakes settle on the already overladen boughs of the pine, Billy watching the sensitive lines in Lydia's face change with each passing thought.

"Billy," she said, "what would you say if next year I took the short course in agriculture?"

"I'd be speechless!" he exclaimed.

"I hate to think of teaching," Lydia went on, "and I'm crazy about the country and farming and so is dad. And there's more than that to it, she did not say then, for Ma Norton came bustling in.

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Health Talk

HEALTH: WHAT IS IT?

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In the Middle Ages saintliness was often associated with sickness. Artists, in portraying saints, often chose as their models pale and emaciated consumptives.

We are beginning to leave this false tradition behind and are working toward the establishment of more wholesome ideals. It is probably true, for instance, that the man or the woman who is unhealthy is now handicapped in his opportunities for marriage; the public attitude toward which may be considered an index to the ideals of society.

A great health movement is sweeping over the entire world. Hygiene has repudiated the outworn doctrine that mortality is fatality and must exact year after year a fixed and inevitable sacrifice. It aims instead to set human life free by applying modern science, on the principle that the truth shall make us free. Modern science, which has revolutionized every other field of human endeavor, is at last revolutionizing the field of health conservation.

The practice of medicine, which for ages has been known as the "healing art," is undergoing a gradual but radical revolution.

The preventive methods of modern medicine are being applied by the people themselves, as witness the great vogue today of sleeping out-of-doors; the popularity (not always devoid of health foods and drinks); the demand for uncontaminated water supplies, certified milk, inspected meat, and pure foods generally; the world-wide movement against alcohol; and legislation to correct wrong conditions of labor and to safeguard the laborer.

Labor itself today is being held in honor, and idleness is dishonored. Ideals are being shifted from those of "leisure" to those of "service."

Work was once considered simply a curse of the poor. The real gentleman was supposed to be one who was able to live without it. The king, who set the styles, was envied because he "did not have to work," but had innumerable people to do work for him.

His ability to work, his efficiency, his endurance, were the last things to which he gave consideration. Today, rulers and presidents are trying to find out how they can keep in the fittest condition and accomplish the greatest possible amount of work. Even among society women, some kind of work is now "the thing."

One of the most serious tasks for any man or woman today is to take part in this movement toward truer ideals of perfect manhood and womanhood. Our American ideals, though improving, are far inferior to those, for instance, of Sweden, and these, in turn, are not yet worthy to be compared with those of Ancient Greece, still preserved for our admiration in imperishable marble. With our superior scientific knowledge, our health ideals ought, as a matter of fact, to excel those of any other age. They should not stop with the mere negation of disease, degeneracy, delinquency and dependency. They should be positive and progressive. They should include the love of a perfect muscular development, of integrity of mental and moral fibre.

There should be a keen sense of enjoyment of all life's activities. As William James once said, simply to live, breathe, and move should be a delight. The thoroughly healthy person is full of optimism; "He rejoices as a strong man to run a race." We seldom see such overflowing vitality except among children. When middle life is reached, or before, our vital surplus has usually been squandered. Yet it is in this vital surplus that the secret of personal magnetism lies. Vital surplus should not only be safeguarded; it should be accumulated. It is the balance in the savings bank of life.

Our health ideals must not stop at the avoidance of invalidism, but should aim at exuberant and exultant health. They should savor not of valetudinarianism, but of athletic development. Our aim should be to see, not how much strain our strength can stand, but how great we can make the strength. With such an aim we shall incidentally and naturally find ourselves accomplishing more work than if we aimed directly at the work itself. Moreover, when such ideals are attained, work instead of turning into drudgery tends to turn into play, and the hue of life seems to turn from dull gray to the bright tints of well-remembered childhood. In short, our health ideals should rise from the mere wish to keep out of a sick bed to an eagerness to become a well-spring of energy. Only then can we realize the intrinsic wholesomeness and beauty of human life.

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Start right off with the main course. Who needs an appetizer before turkey and fixins? This means fewer dishes to serve and fewer to wash up, all of which require time. Besides, starting with the main course leaves more room for the festive dessert which usually accompanies a Christmas dinner.

If turkey heads the menu, prepare the bird for roasting and make the stuffing the day before. There is a short time the turkey can be stuffed and sewed ready for the oven. Or if a fat fowl holds the place of honor, simmer it until tender the day before. About an hour before dinner time, heat up the dressing which was prepared the day before, stuff the chicken, and broil it quickly in the oven. Ham for baking may be boiled a day or two beforehand, left standing in a cold place in the liquor in which it was cooked, reheated in this, then skinned, covered with bread crumbs and sugar, stuck with cloves, and put in the oven for final browning just before dinner.

White potatoes to be scalloped or sweet potatoes to be candied may be cooked the day before and arranged in a baking dish ready for the final cooking. The green vegetable—spinach, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, or whatever it is—may be washed and prepared for the pot a day ahead of time.

Make the cranberry sauce or jelly two or three days before Christmas and set it away in a cold place. Wash the celery, wrap it well, and put in a cold place.

Tomato aspic or grapefruit for a salad can also be fixed the day before. The lettuce and salad dressing also may be all ready for last minute combination. Lettuce, in fact, can be crisper and more attractive if washed, covered, and let stand in a very cold place for a few hours before serving.

Plum pudding for dessert can be made days before Christmas and reheated just in time to serve. Mince pie also can be baked a day or two early. Or a mousse of cream and sherry, or a custard of other flavoring may be packed down in ice and salt the day before and turned out in a frozen mold at dinner time. If the weather is very cold, set the mousse outdoors and the weather will do the rest. The fruit cake to serve with the mousse was of course baked well in advance of the Christmas rush.

Nuts and candies help to give a festive touch and may even be arranged in the serving dishes long beforehand.

Thus, with forethought, most of the Christmas dinner can be pushed ahead and the homemaker as well as the rest of the family can have a holiday on Christmas day.

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Default having been made in the payments of a certain mortgage executed by Joseph A. Denno and Elenor Denno, to Laura Ette Wagner, dated September 15th, 1923 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Crawford County, Michigan, on November 26, 1923 in Liber H of mortgages on page 364. On which mortgage there is now due for principal, interest and taxes the sum of \$2,204.44 and attorney fees, and no suit or proceedings having been instituted at law or in equity to recover the debt now due on said mortgage or any part thereof. Therefore the said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the premises hereinafter described by reason of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, which sale will be at public auction at the front door of the court house in the village of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan (that being the place where the circuit court for said county is held) on the 29th day of December, 1926, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, which premises described in said mortgage are as follows: The north half of the northeast quarter and the northwest quarter of section ten, town twenty-five north, range four west, Beaver Creek township, Crawford County, Michigan.

Dated September 29, 1926.

LAURA ETTE WAGNER,
Mortgagee.

MERLE F. NELLIST,
Attorney for Mortgagee,
Grayling, Mich.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the county of Crawford.

In the matter of the estate of Charles F. Papendick, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that four months from the 14th day of December A. D. 1926, have been allowed for creditors to present their claims against said deceased to said court for examination and adjustment, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said court, at the probate office, in the village of Grayling in said county, on or before the 18th day of April A. D. 1927, and that said claims will be heard by said court on Monday, the 18th day of April A. D. 1927, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Dated December 14th A. D. 1926.
GEORGE SORENSON,
Judge of Probate.

A true copy.
GEORGE SORENSON,
Judge of Probate. 12-16-3

Coal Deposits Stationary

The Bureau of mines says that lignite is being changed to coal, but the process is so slow that the increase in coal supply is too small to be considered.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the payments of a certain mortgage executed by Walmer Jorgenson, a single man, to Andrew Hart, Administrator of the estate of George Mahon, dated September 20, 1922 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Crawford County, Michigan, September 20, 1922 in Liber I of mortgages on page 409. On which mortgage there is now due for principal, interest and taxes the sum of \$449.10 and attorney fees, and no suit or proceeding having been instituted at law nor in equity to recover the debt now due on said mortgage or any part thereof. Therefore, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises hereinafter described by reason of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, which sale will be at public auction at the front door of the court house in the village of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan (that being the place where the circuit court for said county is held) on the 22nd day of January, 1927, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, which premises described in said mortgage are as follows: Lot Four of Block Sixteen, of Roffee's addition to the village of Grayling, in the village of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan.

Dated October 26, 1926.

ANDREW HART,
Administrator of the estate of George Mahon, deceased.

MERLE F. NELLIST,
Attorney for Mortgagee. 10-28-13

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Crawford County, Mich.
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Judge of Probate

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Farm Bureau Notes

R. D. Bailey, Co. Agricultural Agent

"There is a destiny that makes us brothers;
None goes his way alone.
All that we send into the lives of others,
Comes back into our own."
—Edwin Markham.

Merry Christmas.
Merry Christmas to all!
With the barn full of feed, the stock well stabled, the cellar full of fruit and vegetables, a dressed hog and half a beef put away, the woodshed full of a winter's dry wood, a good supply of books and magazines, and possibly a radio, why shouldn't our farm folks take some comfort, have Christmas cheer, and be thankful for a substantial farm home?

Good Times in the Neighborhood

Farm neighbors have a splendid chance to have good times this winter in visiting back and forth, with little or no expense. My! What good times neighbors can have—men, women and children, and a fine spirit of good will be cultivated!

Country Club
A sort of a country club should spring up and flourish in each neighborhood this winter.
We had one at Gaylord and the writer belonged. It lasted for years, until he came to Grayling. We had good times. We did not have any constitution, by-laws, officers or dues. Quite a change, wasn't it? This is the way we worked it:
The writer, seeing the need of good times and good will among neighbors, quietly asked families here and there

if they would like to have a kind of country club without trouble or expense. We soon got several families that wanted to. Then the husband and wife of some one family would say: "If the club wants to, we would like to have them meet at our house next Thursday evening." Then, I would pass the word around among those who wanted to go in for this sort of thing, saying: "The Country club is going to meet with the Charlie Franks family next Thursday night at 7:00 o'clock, sharp. Pot luck supper. Bring some food, knife and fork, cup, spoon and plate for each one of your family."

Did they come? I'll say they did! Did we have square meals? I'll say so! The writer's mouth waters at the remembrance of those meals.

Then, the greetings, the handshakes, the laughter, the gossip, the good will were heart warming.

Old quarrels, feuds, differences, forgotten, each tried to be agreeable. Each "put his best foot forward."

This crowd of perhaps a dozen families, was nothing to worry the family that we visited, for we worked it this way:
We never went until the family said: "We would like to have the country club at our house on such and such a date." We never tried to "surprise" any family. The family that we visited did not have to cook up a lot of stuff, as if they were coming. They were expected to furnish only potatoes, coffee and cream. The crowd brought the rest of the meal and practically all the dishes used. We didn't hurry through the meal, but made it hang on while we ate and visited and visited. Finally the meal would go by themselves and smoke and talk, the children would play, and the women would "do the dishes."

"Many hands make light work," so, the big stack of dishes was soon finished, while choice bits of gossip were flying. Then relishes for cakes, pickles etc., and ideas for rugs and quilts were exchanged.

Songs were sung. Apples and popcorn were passed at winter meetings. We never stayed late. Eleven o'clock generally saw us going home, in winter.

We had enough families in the club so that no family had to entertain more than once a year. We did not accept the excuse: "Oh, our house is not nice enough." We went to every kind of house.

Discussions of religion, politics or any other subject that might lead to bad feeling, were strictly not allowed. In meeting with the club, summer and winter for several years, the writer does not recall that rule being once broken.

When we met in the summer, the writer would pass out the word: "The Fred Stafford family wants us next Wednesday. Let's meet at 10 o'clock sharp, in the forenoon." It was surprising how promptly the crowd came. I have seen the time when not a family had arrived, and in 15 minutes from that time they had all arrived, and that from as far as 12 miles.

At the summer meetings 10 o'clock in the forenoon was the usual meeting hour. While the women visited and got the dinner in shape, the children would play tag and pull-away, play with the swing and teeter, and play hide-and-seek around the barn. Meanwhile, the men would look around the buildings and the farm. These visits have put many a family on its pride to have things "in shape." After the big dinner, under the trees in summer, the men would lie

around on the grass, and smoke and talk.
We always started home about half past three in summer, so that all could get chores done on time, and not upset the regular routine of things.

Time

Can a farm family get the time to spend a day a month like this? Sure, if they are good managers and it is time well spent, too. It tones up the whole family.

Crawford Country Clubs

It would be splendid if the people in Eldorado would start off this holiday time by some person there just saying to the neighbors to go in for an "Eldorado Country Club," without any "fuss or feathers." Why couldn't the bunch in South Branch do the same? The people in the "Love settlement," the same, and those in the "Hardwood settlement" of Beaver

and so on? The people in the Sigbee neighborhood ought to get in on this and call themselves the "Sigbee Country Club." Wouldn't "Lovells Country Club" sound good? Who will start the ball rolling? We would like to have news items similar to this to report nearly every week this winter: "The Maple Forest Country Club met with the family last Saturday evening. A dozen families were there. A big supper, games, visiting and a spirit of good will were enjoyed."

"The conversation finally drifted around to the report of the improvement. One farmer vows that by all that is great and good, he will have the windmill pumping water into the kitchen, to overflow into the stock tank within two weeks. Says he knows that there has been no good reason why it was not done long ago. Three other members of the club agreed to send for a registered purebred Guernsey bull, and it has got to be a good one, too."

The supply of pyrotol, a salvage product of the world war, will soon be gone. With it, cheap explosive may also go. It cannot be urged too strongly that you get in your order now for next spring's needs. This will also help assure a sufficient supply for the following year.
Anyone desiring pyrotol should get in touch with their county agricultural agent or write to L. F. Livingston, Agricultural Engineering Specialist, at East Lansing, Michigan.

FARMERS NOT USING THEIR SHARE OF EXPLOSIVE

That the farmers of Michigan are not making use of the war surplus explosive, pyrotol, is shown by the small amount ordered up to the present time.

According to Mr. L. F. Livingston, specialist in agricultural engineering at the Michigan State College, the farmers of Michigan have ordered less than 200,000 pounds during the five months of this fiscal year, ending July 1937. This is considerably below the allotment of 1,000,000 pounds for Michigan for this fiscal year.

On account of the demand for this material the authorities of the United States department of agriculture at Washington have so arranged this allotment that if all is not ordered before the end of the year the material is allotted to other states. Also the allotment for the next year is based on orders for the previous year.

This pyrotol is valuable for land clearing, rock blasting and ditch blowing, besides other farm uses. The farmers who need any explosive are making a serious mistake in not using this material when it is available. The cost is only about \$9 per ton, depending somewhat on the location.

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INAUGURATION OF GOVERNOR OF MICHIGAN

Plans for the inauguration ceremony at Lansing January 1st have been completed. The general arrangements are in the hands of a committee of Lansing business men. The oath of office will be administered to Governor-elect Green at noon, Central Standard Time. The ceremony will be held on the east steps of the Capitol if the weather permits, otherwise it will be held in the House of Representatives.

Immediately following the inauguration ceremony, a public reception will be held in the Capitol building, which will continue during the afternoon until 4 o'clock. The reception will be resumed at the Capitol at 8 o'clock in the evening. Music will be furnished during the evening and provision will be made for dancing in the corridors of the Capitol.

No invitations are being issued. All of the meetings are public. Everyone is invited.

The people of Lansing are giving a dinner in honor of the Governor and other incoming state officers, which will be held at Hotel Olds. This is being handled entirely by the Lansing committee. As only a limited number of tickets will be available, those interested should communicate with Charles W. Foster of Lansing at once.

Days Becoming Longer

The oft-expressed wish of the busy man that the day were longer is being gratified, for the earth is steadily reducing its rate of rotation. It will be some time, however, before we need change our habits on this account, because the lengthening of the day is estimated to amount to one-tenth of a second in a thousand years. Frictional resistance to tidal motion of the oceans is blamed for this.

Read your Home Paper

STATE OF MICHIGAN

The probate court for the county of Crawford.

At a session of said court, held at the probate office, in the village of Grayling, in said county, on the 20th day of December A. D. 1936.
Present: Hon. George Sorenson, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Hans Anderson, deceased.
William Jensen having filed in said court his petition praying that said court adjudicate and determine who were at the time of his death, the legal heirs of said deceased and entitled to inherit the real estate of which said deceased died seized.

It is ordered, that the seventeenth day of January A. D. 1937, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is further ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

GEORGE SORENSON,
Judge of Probate.

A true copy.
GEORGE SORENSON,
Judge of Probate.

12-23-3

Drum Major's Duties

An army band drum major leads the band in all parade formations and conducts all marches. He has full charge of the band in all drills and parades. He does not play any instrument. The army bandmaster marches to the right of the band with his conducting baton. He does not play any instrument.

Tack Up?

"Man was made when nature was but an apprentice, but woman when she was a skillful mistress of her art."

DEVELOPMENT BUREAU AND TOURIST ASSOCIATION NOW IN THEIR NEW BUILDING

The Northeastern Michigan Development bureau and the Eastern Michigan Tourist association offices are now established in their new building, near the corner of Fifth avenue and Adams street, Bay City.

The erection of the building was approved by the directors of the two organizations early this year. Excavation and construction was begun in the summer. The first logs were laid by directors of the two bodies at dedicatory exercises July 20, which were in charge of Herman Lundén of Gaylord and Lewiston, president of the Development bureau. At this ceremony directors were present from the entire section between Detroit and Cheboygan.

The log cabin was erected without a cent of cost to either organization. Money to finance the cost of building is being secured through the issue of notes in denominations of \$100 bearing six per cent interest and redeemable at the rate of 20 per cent per year. The notes will be entirely liquidated in five years through rent paid by the two organizations. The Bay county board of supervisors, always a consistent supporter of the two bodies, appropriated \$1,000 toward the cost of the building. The Aetna Portland Cement Company contributed the cement. Some of the material used in the construction was secured at cost.

The building is constructed of logs, typifying the pioneer period and reminiscent in architectural design of East Michigan's recreational resources. A huge fireplace in the center of the building, opposite the main entrance, is constructed of stones representative of each of the counties affiliated with the two organizations.

Local Materials Used
The building is virtually entirely constructed of materials which are the products of Michigan mines, soil and factories. The gas which supplies the heat is manufactured from Michigan mined coal. The electricity which gives light is stored energy from the famous AuSable river.

The log cabin has already proven a great publicity asset to East Michigan. Articles describing it have appeared in many publications and requests for the privilege of telling about the building are still reaching the office. Hundreds of tourists this summer stopped to visit the building and numerous requests have been received from visitors for plans of the building.

The lot upon which the building is located was donated to the two bodies by the Pere Marquette railroad officials at a nominal rental.

Serves 16 Counties
The Northeastern Michigan Development bureau serves 16 counties, north of and including Bay. Its executive committee consists of: John MacGregor, Alpena; Richard Peipkorn, Alpena; H. A. Chamberlain, Arenac; F. A. Hewitt, Bay; Marius Hanson, Crawford; H. B. Johnson, Clare; Al Weber, Cheboygan; Isaac Foster, Gladwin; H. N. Butler, Iosco; Herman Lundén, Montmorency; L. D. Madell, Midland; H. S. Korner, Ogemaw; F. H. Strickert, Oshtemo; John Yell, Saginaw; J. R. Snoddy, Presque Isle; D. E. Matheson, Roscommon, and W. H. Hill, Chicago.

Today, the West Michigan Tourist association covers the territory once under the Ojibwa chiefs. It is intended to draw tourists to this section of Michigan. The executive committee is composed of: Fred, Floyd A. Allen, Flint; J. E. Richards, Alpena, first vice president; John Anderson, Port Huron, second vice president; H. William Klare, Detroit, third vice president; W. B. Holden, Detroit; H. N. Butler, East Tawas; and T. F. Marston, Bay City, secretary.

The annual joint meeting of the two organizations will be held in Bay City, because of its central location, and because the executive offices of the two groups are here. Though the meeting has been delayed due to the illness of the secretary and manager, T. F. Marston, it is expected that the meeting will convene sometime in January.

Decline of Conversation

There just doesn't seem to be any time for conversation now. It used to be Wichita's most popular recreation. It is now run over by the automobile, overshadowed by the movie, drowned out by the radio, crippled by the card game and just generally relegated to a rear seat along with everything else which demanded a certain amount of leisure to live.—Wichita Eagle.



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LOCAL NEWS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1928

Miss Margaret Jensen expects to spend Christmas with friends in Detroit.

Mrs. J. L. Martin and son Edward were in Bay City a few days last week.

H. E. Clemetson of Alpena was in Grayling on business the last of the week.

Mrs. Ernest Borchers returned home Monday after a few days spent in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dixon are the happy parents of a daughter born Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Axel Peterson, who were visiting in St. Louis, Mich., have returned home.

Miss Angela Ambroski of the Gift Shop is planning to spend Christmas at the home of her parents in Gaylord.

Francis LaGrow has arrived home from Lansing to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex LaGrow.

Miss Anne Walton has arrived from Detroit to spend the holidays, a guest in the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Keyport.

Supt. P. G. Zalsman of the Grayling fish hatchery was in Grand Rapids and Lansing the first of the week on business.

Mrs. Elma Hemmingson and daughter Doris have arrived to spend the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hanson.

Buy World's Star Hosiery and "Klean Knit" underwear. Special prices now. Mrs. Jas. McDonnell, local representative.

The local postoffice force is more than rushed these days, keeping Postmaster Bates and four clerks busy most of the day.

Oscar Borchers of Chicago is home for the holidays visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Borchers of Beaver Creek township.

Mr. and Mrs. George Biggs left Wednesday for Durand to visit their daughter, Mrs. Forrest Barber and family over the holidays.

The Charity Ball will be held on Dec. 31, New Year's Eve, at the school gymnasium. A fine program will be given during the evening.

County Agent R. D. Bailey returned Friday from Lansing, where he had been in attendance at a meeting of the county agents of the state.

Ned Woodman is funny. You will laugh at him and with him when you see him in his interesting work as the third number on the local Lyceum course. Remember the date, Jan. 6.

The Community Christmas tree will be lighted Friday evening, and at 7:30 o'clock there will be a carol service, when the old-time Christmas songs will again be sung by a group of trained singers and school children. Everyone come out for an hour of Christmas festivity.

Announcements are being received by friends of the Percy Husted family of the marriage of their oldest son, Clinton, to Miss Marion W. Weir on Saturday, December 18, at Attica, Michigan. The Husted family, who were former Grayling residents, now reside at Lum, Mich.

The ladies of the Bridge club were guests at a very attractive Christmas luncheon at Shoppers' Inn Saturday afternoon. A mound of green moss with a huge red candle formed an unusual centerpiece for the long table at which the sixteen guests were seated, a red carnation being at each place. The ladies spent the remainder of the afternoon at the home of the hostess, Mrs. Oscar Hanson. Mrs. C. G. Clippert held the high score.

The Board of Trade held a very interesting meeting Tuesday evening when general matters pertaining to the good of the city were widely discussed. The meeting had been called by President W. W. Lewis for the purpose of lining up the work of the Board for the fiscal year. Special committees were selected for some of the important tasks and it looks as though the Board was going to put in a very active year. There was a splendid attendance, however, but few of the business men were able to be present, due to the stores being open during the holiday season.



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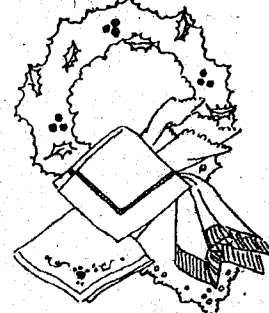
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SCARFS

BATH ROBES

FELT SLIPPERS

GLOVES AND MITTS

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Mrs. Annabelle McLeod of the Nick Schlotz grocery will leave Friday night to spend a week in Detroit visiting her sister, Mrs. Curtis and family.

This is your opportunity to do your little bit toward helping Mercy hospital, by attending the Charity Ball, given on Dec. 31st, at the school gymnasium.

Miss Mae Richardson, a former teacher in Grayling schools and whose home is in Roscommon recently graduated from the State Normal at Ypsilanti.

Mrs. H. A. Bauman returned the last of the week from Chapel Hill, S. C., after a pleasant visit with her daughter, Mrs. Walter H. Woodson and husband.

Mrs. William Green and children left Wednesday for Detroit to spend Christmas at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. John H. Cook, joining Mr. Green there.

The Board of Trade Christmas party held at the club rooms last Saturday night was a very gay and pleasant affair. About 70 were present and it was a most cordial and sociable gathering. Schram's orchestra furnished plenty of "peppy" music and those who danced were given all they might desire in that direction. Some passed the evening playing bridge. And there was a Christmas tree and a Santa Claus and youngsters were never more eager to get their presents than those adults. Not a name was missed and some of the presents caused the greatest of merriment. It was truly a most pleasurable evening. The party was limited exclusively to members of the Board of Trade and their families and lady friends.

The new Fanchon line of fine toilet requisites is now on display. Drop in and look it over. It is real nice. Central Drug Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Peterson, who have been residing in Maple Forest, have moved to Grayling for the winter, renting the home of Miss Carrie Jorgenson, who will be gone during that time.

Miss Vella Hermann arrived home Friday morning from Ypsilanti, where she is attending the State Normal, to spend the holiday vacation with her mother, Mrs. Anna Hermann and family.

In our Perfume stock you will find many well known brands: Caron's, Coty's, Pivers', Houbigan's, Yardley's and others. Prices from 25c an ounce and up.

Central Drug Store.

Electric appliances are modern and appropriate gifts. See them on display at Grayling Electric show room.

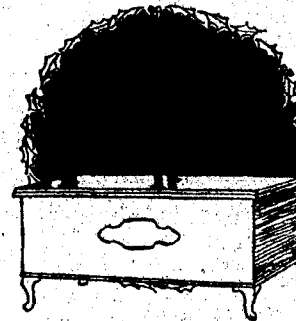
Mrs. Peter McNeven and children, Shirley, Clinton and Glen leave Friday morning for Petoskey to spend the holidays with relatives. Mr. McNeven plans to go on Saturday to spend the week end.

You will doubtless smile if you meet Ned Woodman, the cartoonist on the street, for he is funny just to look at, as much as he regrets the fact, yet he contends that he can't help it. But you will enjoy his evening of entertainment January 6th, at the Michelson Memorial church, 12-23-2.

Don't miss the Charity Ball given on New Year's Eve, at the school gymnasium. Schram's seven-piece orchestra will furnish the music. There will also be a fine program. Every effort has been made to make this Ball a success.

NEW BURTON HOTEL

Dining room now open. Regular meals served from 11:30 a. m. to 1:00 p. m.; evenings, from 5:30 to 7:00. Short order lunches at all hours—day and night service. Regular boarders solicited. Give us a trial. 12-23-2. O. B. Scott, proprietor.



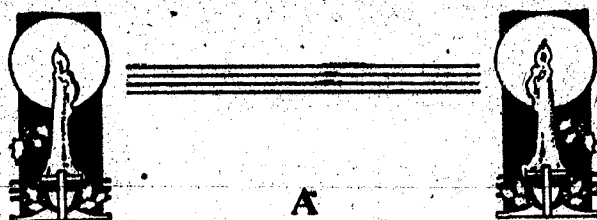
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Local News

Anybody ever hear a flapper sing "Home, Sweet Home?"

Christmas will not be complete without a potted plant or bouquet of flowers.

Emil Giegling returned last week from a pleasure trip to the states of New York and Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Victor Smith returned home from Bay City Tuesday where she had been spending a few days.

Last Friday night was a humdinger for weather, the thermometer registering thirty-four degrees below zero before morning.

The Grayling Opera house will present "The Canadian" on Christmas night. This picture has a great reputation and will be sure to please the holiday crowds that night.

J. L. Martin, a Michigan Central employee, broke three ribs Wednesday of last week when he slipped on the ice while attempting to get onto the way-car near Alba. He is getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Holst and little son, Spencer M. of Detroit are expected to arrive tomorrow to spend the holidays with Mrs. Holst's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. McCullough.

The Michelson Memorial Sunday school Christmas tree and entertainment will be held at the church on Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. All departments of the Sunday school will meet at that hour.

Manager Geo. Olson of the Opera house gave members of the high school ball team and some of the local news boys a treat Monday night when they were invited to become his guests to see "The Quarterback," starring Richard Dix. Needless to say, these youngsters got a real thrill out of that fine movie.

At the meeting of the Mercy Hospital Aid society at the home of Mrs. A. J. Joseph Thursday, December 9, the annual election of officers took place. The following will have charge of the official duties of the society for the ensuing year: Mrs. C. G. Clippert, president; Mrs. Paul Hendrie, vice president; Mrs. Robert J. Legner, secretary-treasurer. The retiring president, Mrs. Louis Herblison, has had a most successful year, the sum of \$1200 having been raised during her term.

The Gift Shop

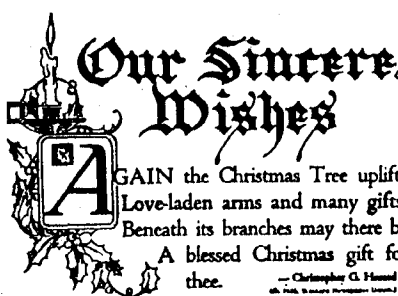


Christmas Greetings

While many friends on Christmas Day
Send greetings good and true
Just let us add to all they say—
Our own sincere "we too."

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Jeweler

Redson & Cooley
Ready-to-Wear



Merry Christmas to All

Grayling Creamery
ALFRED BEBB, Prop.

driver who, desiring to go straight, places himself in the right-hand lane against the traffic signal goes up against him, stays there during the entire period, gains nothing for himself, but blocks cars behind him, which desiring to turn to the right and otherwise, have to come straight through and turn into the traffic. This is a matter where the police department is helpless. Regulation cannot bring the change about. Only education can.

This is an appeal to the motoring public for their own benefit and for the benefit of the city as a whole, to educate themselves, follow the plan and spread the news.

FREDERIC

The school will give an entertainment and Christmas tree on Thursday evening at school house.

The church and Sunday school will have a program and tree on Friday evening at the church.

Mrs. Crandall will entertain her sister over Christmas.

Howard Lodge is back from his summer cruise on the lakes, and is visiting his sister, Mrs. Will Leng.

The weather man is not doing a very warm stroke of business, as Thursday night at nine o'clock the mercury registered 30 degrees below zero and Saturday morning 38.

Frank Leng and mother came up from Flint to see his father and other relatives.

Last Monday night at 10:30 a car load of men started for Florida, the party consisting of Sidney Barber and two sons, Edward McCracken and Bob Webster. When last heard from they were still in the snow at Cumberland's Gap.

Professor Christler has his radios, which he manufactures himself, in his room at the school house. They are drawing some attraction with the young people.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bader are the proud parents of a new son born December 11th.

Max Tobin is home for the holidays.

The sons of Wm. Smith of Maple Forest returned last Sunday.

Harry Hart of Adrian is here for his vacation.

LOVELLS NEWS

Miss Margaret Douglas spent a few days visiting at Grayling.

Peter Lovely went to Grayling Saturday to spend a few days with his family.

Mrs. Jack Hannon was here visiting her sister, Mrs. Clarence Stillwagon.

Charles Papenfus has returned from Grayling Mercy hospital, much improved.

Mrs. William Paige has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burpee are here at the home of their son, George Burpee.

The John Stice family have moved away.

Mr. Hunt has gone to Boyne City after his wife.

Myrtle and Sarah Vance, who are attending high school at Grayling, came home Saturday to spend a few days.

Pete Lovely has started hauling timber with seven teams.

Who said we wouldn't have a white Christmas?

Fred Rowe was up here from Detroit.

MOTERING THRU SNOWDRIFTS

From now until the end of the winter snow is likely to occur at any time—at least, in most sections. A week-end trip, begun in warm weather, may finish in a drifting snowstorm.

Old drivers know how to handle a drift that has formed in the road way and causes the wheels to spin around and around. New motorists may have had no chance to learn their lesson, and are thus likely to attempt to force their way through the drift without pressing out their clutch.

The clutch will soon burn out completely if this method is practised. The only way to force your car through the small, tantalizing drift (unless you wish to get out and kick the snow away) is to press out the clutch as you strike the drift. If you do not get through, back out in your tracks for ten yards or so, and again charge the drift, pressing out your clutch at the last moment. A few charges of this kind will put you on the home side of the average small drift, with nothing to worry you except the slight delay.

HEALTH NEWS

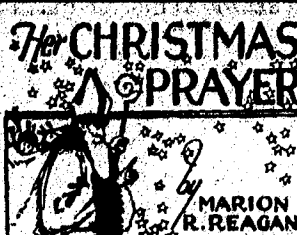
Buckwheat Pancakes
Buckwheat pancakes! What visions the words conjure up to those who were the youth of yesterday. A winter morning, outside, deep snow and zero weather; inside, a roaring wood fire, a red hot stove, steaming coffee, maple syrup, ham or salt pork, or bacon and eggs, and plates heaped high with buckwheat cakes; with mother traveling steadily between stove and table, refilling plates that emptied so rapidly.

Mothers of that yesterday were not troubled with the problem of what to have for breakfast. From the earliest snowfall of autumn until the latest snowfall of spring, the breakfast menu was unchanged, with buckwheat cakes holding always the place of honor.

And people lived to tell the story, many of them, at least those who went out all day to cut wood or do chores or haul grain. Even the children survived, some of them, saved by the fact that they trudged miles to school each day regardless of wind or weather. Their heavy diet was perhaps not too ill adapted to their hard life.

Those children of yesterday are the grown folk of today. Many of them have come to the city. The automobile has become their means of locomotion. Their lives are changed, their habits sedentary. Though city life has forced many of them to change their diet, others still cling to the diet of their youth and to the ham and bacon and buckwheat cakes they ate of yore. The children, whose walk to school is but a step, are fed as are their elders. Grown folks often fail to realize that the diet of a child should differ from their own.

But when old folk and young folk grow dull and sleepy and heavy of head, when they are troubled with indigestion, they rarely guess that the cause of the difficulty might be those same buckwheat cakes, brown, beautiful, and steaming, the golden syrup in which they bathe, and the salted bacon and ham which accompany them.



It WAS cold along the Seine that Christmas Eve. There was a thin rain, half snow, and a nasty, penetrating wind coming up from the river that sent chills trembling down one's back.

Little Juliette Carot blew her breath against her hands to warm them and pulled her ragged little coat more tightly about her. She was the sole support of a family of four—this little, shivering tot, who stood always before the door of Notre Dame selling holy cards and medals to people as they passed in or out of the church.

Her mother was very ill and the three other children of the family—two younger than Juliette—were too little to do any kind of work. How she would have loved to bring home something very special for them this Christmas!

On her way to the church this evening she had stopped to look in at the window of a patisserie shop and her heart was taken with a great cake in the center—all white with dots of large red cherries around the sides. The price was ten francs. She took out her little worn purse and counted—two francs, five sous. Slowly she closed the purse and put it back in her pocket. The cake was out of the question. It would have to be a loaf of bread only.

All evening she had stood in front of the church, but had made almost nothing. Great numbers of people were coming to the midnight mass, but they all passed by little Juliette with only an annoyed "Non, non, non!" A little later there was almost nobody coming. She could hear the organ playing. Mass had begun.

She would have hurried home but her feet were numb with the cold.

Slipped Quietly Into a Seat of the Large Church.

Besides, she thought, she really ought to go in and say a little prayer for her mother.

She opened the huge door of the cathedral, slipped quietly into a seat of the large church and prayed fervently for her mother and little sister; prayed, too, that she might, somehow, be able to buy them a cake for Christmas!

The heat of the church after the intense cold outside made her drowsy. She went fast to sleep and her head fell heavily against the shoulder of a man sitting next to her.

The man was an American. He was at first annoyed when he saw the little towseled head with its dirty cap against his coat-sleeve, but on second glance at the pathetic little figure he was overcome with genuine emotion. "Poor little devil," he thought, "wonder what's been your short history and what will it be in the future." He saw in her little lithe hands the strings of medals and the box of holy cards she had been trying to sell. He reached into his pocket, pulled out two crisp 1,000-franc notes, folded them carefully and placed them on top of the cards.

Almost everyone had left the church when Juliette awakened. Mass was over; all the candles on the altar had been extinguished, the lights of the church were being put out. Juliette rubbed her eyes drowsily and with a start counted her medals to see that no one had taken any while she slept. They were all quite safe. She next turned to her box of cards and her eyes became two large moons. "Two thousand francs, two thousand francs!" She couldn't believe it. It was a miracle! Hadn't she prayed for money to buy her people a Christmas gift? She knelt down again, said a fervent prayer in thanksgiving; then gathered all her things together and ran quickly from the church—past the confessional shop. It was closed, of course, but the white cake was still in the window. Tomorrow morning she would go there early and buy it—buy every good thing in the shop. And still there would be enough left to buy them all clothes in the after-Christmas sales. She leaped joyously in the air. She did not feel the cold now.

"Merry Christmas," she called to an old lady who passed her. "Merry Christmas to the whole world!"

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Poles Careful Christmas Eve

The Poles have many superstitions in connection with Christmas. They believe that what they do on Christmas Eve they will do all the year around, and therefore they conduct themselves with that prospect in view.

Plan on attending the Charity ball New Year's eve and have a good time.

Legion of Honor

The famous French order known as the Legion of Honor was instituted by Napoleon Bonaparte, when he was first consul, 124 years ago. Although the order confers honors upon distinguished civil servants of the state, and eminent benefactors of humanity, it is stipulated that three-fifths of all the medals awarded must go to the men of the army and navy.

Bargain Store Bargains

Last Minute ones, and useful, and a Christmas present that is useful is the best kind.

Boy's Pants just received, prices \$1.00 to \$2.48

MEN'S WOOL SHIRTS--Army khaki, \$1.98

Boys' Suede fleeced-lined Gloves 50c

Men's " " " 78c

Men's full leather Mitts from 50c to 98c

Men's woolen yarn Mitts, double knit 45c

Ladies' Overshoes, 4 buckle \$2.75

Shoes and Rubbers for the whole family

Ladies' Coats from \$5.00 to 14.75

at the Bargain Store
Frank Dreese old stand.

RISE IN SECURITY PRICES

(By William McMahon, president New York Institute of Financial Research, Inc.)

In our releases for the past few weeks we have stated that prosperity will continue throughout the greater part of 1927. There are items, as usual, affording a peg upon which the pessimistically inclined may hang a reason or two for their darker prophecies. The balance is overwhelmingly against the pessimists.

The announcement of the extra dividend voted by the directors of United States Steel was to crystallize optimistic sentiment throughout the whole country. The Steel board went on record as expressing the belief that good business will continue. But this isn't all. Reports of record earnings of corporations are coming in every day. Nearly every day the news is broadcast that some corporation has increased its dividend and that others have resumed the payment of dividends after a lapse, sometimes of years. And yet the end is not in sight.

On top of the dividend increases voted by Baltimore & Ohio, Boston & Maine, and Atchinson, others will fall in line. Reading, chief of the hard coalers, which is enjoying unprecedented prosperity, owing to the heavy movement of coal, is scheduled to increase its dividend or to pay an extra. New York Central, by reason of greater earnings than ever before in its history, will undoubtedly do something extraordinary for its stockholders. Atchinson will go still farther. It is also in the wind that Southern Pacific will take over other roads and increase its dividend distribution commensurate with increased profits. Erie has not paid anything on its common stock in years, but will do something for stockholders as a reward for their patience before 1927 is over. Dividends should be, and probably will be, increased by Northern Pacific and Chesapeake & Ohio. Southern Railways is also in line for an extra or an increase.

As the railroads do, so will many of the industries do. Increases and extras are getting fashionable. Corporate liberality is getting contagious. Security prices will advance.

TESTED RECIPE

Eat greens as much as possible, now that they are obtainable. Later in the winter some of those that may still be at the corner store may be purchased only by women in the larger cities—and only at very high prices.

The minerals and salts of such foods as cabbage, lettuce, peppers, celery and cauliflower are needed by our bodies, and it is well to store them up now while these foods are obtainable. Here is a little salad that will prove very pleasing—and is very beneficial.

Celery Paste Salad
Take equal parts of tart apple and hearts of celery, and about half the quantity of green or red sweet pepper, and mince the whole finely. Make a paste from this mixture combined with minced dates, raisins, cream cheese or even apple butter, and fill the grooves of celery stalks with the paste. Serve one filled stalk on a crisp lettuce leaf, to each person, adding a mound of homemade jelly on the side, if you wish.

WHAT ABOUT 1927?
(By William McMahon, president New York Institute of Financial Research, Inc.)

One of the reasons for forecasting further advances in security markets throughout 1927, in spite of the belief of many that some stocks are too high already, is the contrary opinion that the present upswing of the market in the face of unfavorable reports from many quarters, reflects actual

increase in values. This latter is more nearly correct. Another reason is the practical certainty of a downward trend in money rates.

The banks could point to facts in their own experience as proof of this downward tendency. For the past year or so there has been a rather startling trend on the part of depositors to transfer their accounts from demand deposits to time deposits. This action has released nearly \$40,000,000 which was tied up by law in short term paper to protect the demand deposits.

Another reason set forth by economists in favor of the upward trend of security prices is the increase in efficiency by every branch of industry. Buying of goods and supplies is done more scientifically. Labor is entering the realms of capital. Our buying power is tremendous. Wants are increasing. The secret of continued prosperity is an equitable distribution of it. When a certain group attempts to get more than its just due, the entire flow is imperiled. Likewise when all the others permit one group to languish, the structure is weakened.

But while we may talk about our own efficiency, we must not forget that there is efficiency in other nations. Even now we are learning in this regard from Germany. In many respects England is outstripping us in industrial efficiency. The South American countries are girding up their loins. We have no monopoly of the word efficient.

This leads to the conclusion that if our prosperity would continue we must cultivate international good will. A business cannot succeed without good will and neither can a nation. We want to sell our goods abroad everywhere. For the past year or two this has been difficult because of the lack of good will. The fact that our political leaders are awakening to a realization of this necessity was reflected in the following taken from President Coolidge's last message: "When we consider the real sacrifice that will be necessary on the part of other nations, considering all their circumstances, to meet their agreed payments to us, we ought to hold them in increased admiration and respect."

This is the sort of language that has been needed for a long time. The problems of Europe will ultimately be worked out satisfactorily, for they have brains over there the same as we have here. We will cultivate international good will. This, more than any other one thing, will contribute to our continued prosperity.

PAT REMARKS
Do your Christmas thinking early and avoid the rush.

Woman's clothes are so funny, they are almost as funny as the men's.

A man seldom turns over a new leaf until the old one is all smeared.

Let us be thankful all the girls chewing gum are not chewing tobacco.

The millions of germs on money and in kisses never make a man refuse either.

A wise man knows he is acting foolish to fall in love this close to Christmas.

In gambling it isn't the first loss that is so expensive; it's getting it back.

Closed autos are the most popular in winter, while closed motors are popular the year round.

Be not deceived. While Santa Claus has many agents hereabouts he has no genuine double.

New automobile licenses, income tax payments, Christmas. Isn't December the gay old month?

The reformer should be patient with us. After all, the world's wickedness keeps him in a job.

Which do You Want?

COLD or OPINIONS
FACTS or FORECASTS
GUESSES or HUNCHES

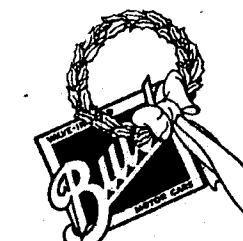
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